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Robert James Jonker
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960
Education: Calvin Col 1982 BA; Michigan 1985 JD
Began Service: July 18, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge John F. Feikens, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1985-1987)

Legal Practice: Associate, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1987-1993); Partner, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1994-2007)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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Janet T. Neff
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Wayne State 1970 JD
Began Service: August 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals (1970-1971)

Government: Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (1971-1973); Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court (1978-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1980)

Legal Practice: VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook (1973-1978); William G. Reamon, PC (1980-1988)

Current Memberships: Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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Wendell A. Miles
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1916
Education: Hope 1938 BA; Wyoming 1939 MA; Michigan 1942 JD
Began Service: 1974
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Academic: Instructor, Hope College (1948-1953); Instructor, American Institute of Banking (1954-1959)

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1949-1953); United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1953-1960)

Judicial: Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit (1970-1974); United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (1989-1996)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1948-1953); Partner, Miles, Mika, Meyers & Beckett (1961-1970)

Military Service: United States Army (1942-1947)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Ottawa County Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

Staff

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Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr.
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Alma 1967 BA; Michigan 1970 JD
Began Service: April 1, 1980

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Western Michigan University; Adjunct Professor, Grand Valley State University

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Marvin Salmon, Michigan Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit (1970-1971)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1977-1980)

Military Service: United States Army (1971-1974)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan; State Bar of Michigan

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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James D. Gregg

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Michigan State 1969 BS; Central Michigan 1973 MA; Wayne State 1977 JD
Began Service: June 1, 1987
Term Expires: 2015

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1990); Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1994-1997)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan

Legal Practice: Auditor and Law Clerk, Schmier, Fealk & Ellis (1974-1977); Schmidt, Howlett, Van't Hof, Snell & Vana (1977-1983); Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett (1983-1987)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; Grand Rapids Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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Jeffrey R. Hughes
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Michigan 1977 BA, 1980 JD
Began Service: January 6, 2000
Term Expires: January 2014
Political Affiliation: Independent



Legal Practice: Associate and Partner, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP (1980-1999)

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